



## President's Report- Arnie Quast

Greetings EAA 932 Chapter Members,

Yet another month has slipped by us, and here comes summer! Balmy days, tranquil summer evenings, and lots of opportunities to go flying are upon us. There is no shortage of fun to be had gathering as a chapter, and hanging out at the airport.

My month kicked off attending an EAA Chapter Leader Training Academy at EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh. This was an amazing and impactful weekend of training, and meeting other EAA chapter leaders from around the country. The EAA staff that oversees chapters did a really good job providing essential information to better understand EAA, and did several very informative presentations on chapter leadership skills. During the weekend, EAA provided some very nice hospitality. We were accommodated in the EAA Air Academy Lodge, and fed and watered quite heartily. Ample time was given to bond with other chapter leaders. Chapter leaders that traveled the farthest came from Anchorage, Alaska and South Africa. A particular leader that I met from the Anchorage chapter actually had a tie to Galt Airport through our very own Mike Evans. A gentleman named Lars Gleitsman attending from Anchorage had a vintage Lockheed 60 crated up in Germany last year, and sent to Galt Airport. He borrowed space

in Mike's hanger, and worked to get the Lockheed airworthy with the assistance of Brian Spiro. Lars got the old Lockheed flying at Galt, and then flew it up to Alaska last fall. Lars attended the academy along with Anchorage Chapter 42 President Bernie Willis; I had a lot of fun bantering with Bernie as well. Outside of EAA, Bernie is a retired Alaska Airlines captain who shared neat stories of flying B-737's to some very unique destinations around Alaska. Bernie also owns a couple of airplanes that he regularly flies into the Alaskan bush. I also enjoyed meeting many of the other chapter leaders, and learned about some of the programs they enjoy. There were lots of great ideas shared, and hopefully we can bring some of them together here at EAA 932.

Finally, on May 27, EAA 932 hosted a pancake breakfast and fly-in for the Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) representing pilots of United Airlines, and the Allied Pilot Association (APA) which is the professional union for American Airlines. Chapter member Eric Rehm has organized this for many years. This year ALPA joined the event for the first time. The weather was absolutely perfect! Close to 100 people drove and flew in from both organizations. Chapter member Bill Tobin expertly coordinated and supervised the food service. Several volunteers from our chapter worked hard to set up, prepare, and serve food.

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Pancake master Bill Tobin and chapter member Marty Papanek making some good food at the APA/ALPA Pancake Breakfast.

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Members of the Galt Civil Air Patrol also joined us to help direct traffic in the parking lot and ramp areas. They also helped bus tables in the dining area. Thanks to all who made this event successful, it was a fun event for all of those who attended.

As we ease into June we are looking forward to two events on our calendar. On Saturday June 10, we will hold a monthly chapter gathering at Galt. Our plan is to meet at 10:00 am to discuss final preparations for Barnstormer's Day. Chapter member Paul Sedlacek will talk about the final plans for Barnstormer's Day; which will take place the following Saturday, June 17. After

discussing details, we will light one of our charcoal grills and enjoy a barbeque lunch consisting of hot dogs and hamburgers. Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Let's hope for good weather this year for our June events!

June will be a fun month. I am looking forward to seeing everyone out at Galt! Enjoy the airport, and fly safe!

## President's Report- Welding Workshop

On May 24, chapter members Paul Sedlacek and Brian Spiro hosted a welding workshop in the maintenance shop at Galt. The gathering was very informative, and participants learned some basic theory and technique involved in welding. Paul and Brian explained the various types of equipment, metallurgy, welding techniques, and overall safety. They set up small welding booths where everyone had a hands-on experience in using the welding equipment. For me, it was the first time I had ever handled and used welding equipment. I learned a lot,

but have a long way to go in gaining proficiency in welding! Many thanks to Brian and Paul for conducting this workshop!



# Young Eagles Rally

By Haylee Walsh

On May 6, EAA Chapter 932 held its first Young Eagles rally of the year at Galt Airport. The rally was extra special this year since 2017 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Young Eagles Program.

During our event, Parker Johnston – Host of 'Aviation Life' from Huntley Community Radio 101.5 came out to support our event. We also had Tally and Ari – Hosts of 'Kids Hour' from Marengo Community Radio Station WXMR 94.3 FM come out to help support our rally as well. Chief Thomas Linneman and Assistant Chief Dennis McFarlin from Hebron-Alden-Greenwood Fire Protection District brought out a fire truck for the kids and also volunteered their time.

Although it was cold and there were challenging winds, we still flew a total of 62 kids!

Thank you to our pilot and ground support volunteers for inspiring the kids with your passion for aviation and your continuous support in the Young Eagles program.

With everyone's support, we were able to have another successful event! Please join us on July 8 for the Planes & Puppies Young Eagles Rally from 9AM-1PM.







## Flight School News



Congratulations to Dave on passing his Private Pilot Checkride on May 13.

Check out Dave's article [Believe](#) on pages 5 and 6.



Congratulations to Daniela on her first solo flight on May 8



Congratulations to Bill on his first solo flight on May 10



Congratulations to Basil on passing his instrument Checkride on May 23

## Calendar of Events at Galt Airport

June 17 – Barnstormer's Day Fly-In

July 8 – Planes and Puppies and Young Eagles Rally

August 26 – Flour Drop Competition

October 7 – GalttoberFest Fly-In

Check our website and continue to check the newsletter for additional events to be added later.



# Believe

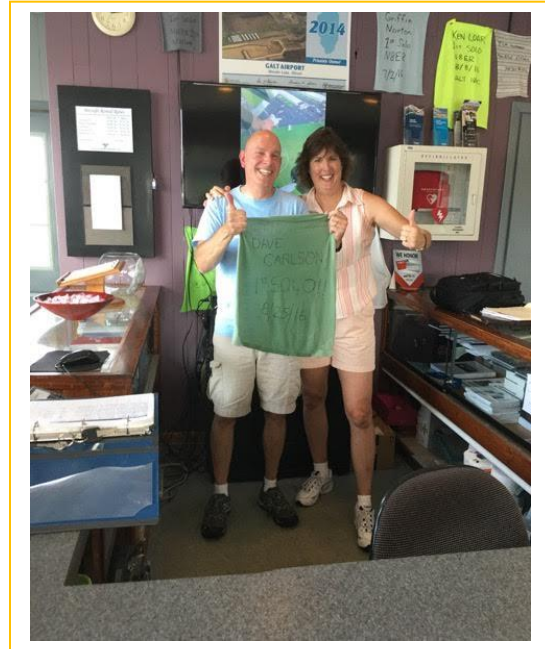
By Dave Carlson

Believe! That is the word my CFI kept saying to me every time my old demons would come back into my head. You all might know the ones; they keep saying "you can't do this" or "you are not smart enough to accomplish this". These demons visited me often during my flight training, so my CFI had to repeat that word many times until it finally sunk in. As a 54 year old embarking on this journey to achieve my childhood dream of flying, I had a lot of years of baggage to get rid of.

Aviation has been my passion since I was 5 years old. I grew up in Arlington Heights, Illinois under the flight path of Chicago-O'Hare's runways 14L (now closed) and 14R (now called 15). Every time an airplane would fly overhead I was looking up. As a kid I checked out books on airliners and would identify the planes I would see. In Junior High I got a subscription to *Flying* magazine. I purchased a radio that would pick up air bands and would spot the planes landing at O'Hare that I was listening to. I remember my house was abeam the outer markers for 14L & 14R and knew where the planes were when they called out over the outer markers for those runways.

Despite my passion for this, I was told I was not smart enough to become a pilot. I was not very good in math, and back then math was one area you had to be good in to become a pilot. So, I grew up believing it would never happen. That was until I met Eric Rehm.

Eric and I got to talking one day and I found out he was a pilot for American Airlines. I talked about my passion for aviation and then how I could never be a pilot as I was not smart enough and too old. Eric just laughed and told me I was crazy for thinking that, and then told me about Galt. A few months later he mentioned ground school classes would be starting and that I should at least check it out.



I remember my first class in the studio at Galt like it was yesterday. My passion over the years had me reading and learning things so that after the first class I had surprised myself how much I already knew, and was totally convinced that I was doing the right thing. Oh, I had a LOT to learn, but my passion for aviation made the learning fun and I really looked forward to going to class.

I started actual flight lessons on June 1 of last year, and felt the thrill of my first flight for days after. I realized that flying was not as easy as I had thought it would be. Being in my 50's I had to throw away everything I thought I knew and learn new concepts that to a non-pilot do not make sense, such as pitch for speed and power for altitude. If I was in my teens or twenties I believe these concepts would have stuck in my brain a lot quicker than they did. However; little by little, they did stick, and flying started to fall into place.

I had my share of "scary" situations that had me doubt my abilities. My second solo where I landed on runway 9, hit a little too much left brake, and nearly ended up in the corn, really took a toll on my psyche. It took me months to get over my fear of landing on 9, and honestly that fear did not fully go away until maybe a month ago.

## Believe- continued

Then when it came time to do my check ride, and having to have the check ride rescheduled eight times due to weather also messed with me a bit. I kept saying to myself, this must be a sign that I am not supposed to do this. However, on Saturday, May 13, 2017 everything finally fell into place. I woke up trying to come up with reasons I should not go, but after multiple discussions with several people I decided I had to make it happen. That afternoon I became a private pilot. The check ride was not as scary as I had thought it would be. I was actually pretty happy with most of the things I did. Yes, the examiner had to tell me to breathe several times throughout the flight, but my calm would come back to me as I would repeat that wonderful word....**BELIEVE!**

Editor's note: Dave is now a Private Pilot, and also has become a very active member of EAA Chapter 932 at Galt Airport.





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